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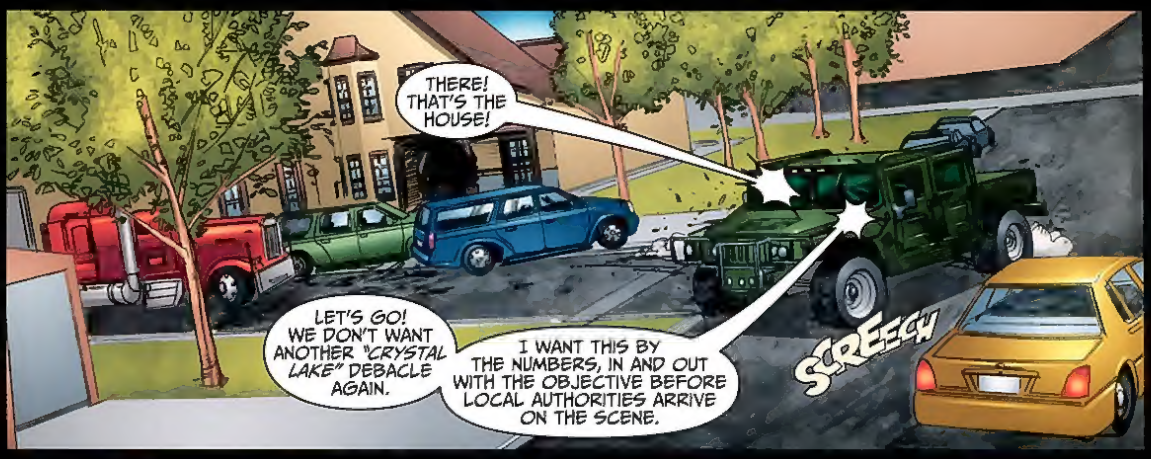
THERE! THAT'S THE HOUSE!
LET'S GO! WE DON'T WANT ANOTHER "CRYSTAL LAKE" DEBACLE AGAIN.
I WANT THIS BY THE NUMBERS, IN AND OUT WITH THE OBJECTIVE BEFORE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARRIVE ON THE SCENE.
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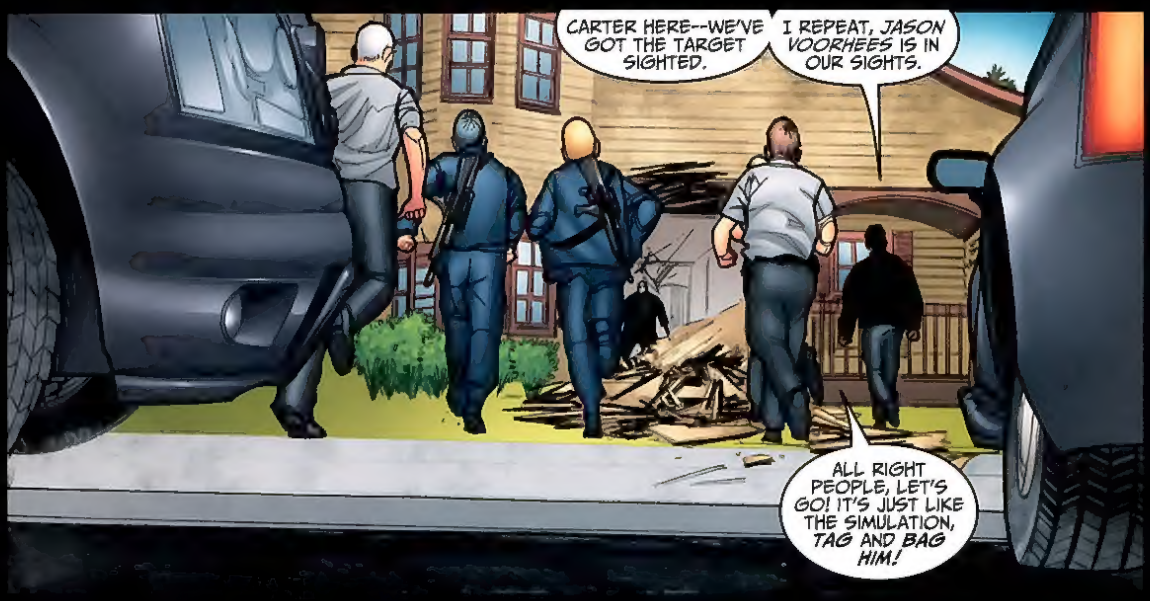
CARTER HERE--WE'VE GOT THE TARGET SIGHTED.
I REPEAT, JASON VOORHEES IS IN OUR SIGHTS.
ALL RIGHT PEOPLE, LET'S GO! IT'S JUST LIKE THE SIMULATION, TAG AND BAG HIM!

WAVE ONE, FIRE!

TAKE HIM DOWN!
CHOK
CHOK
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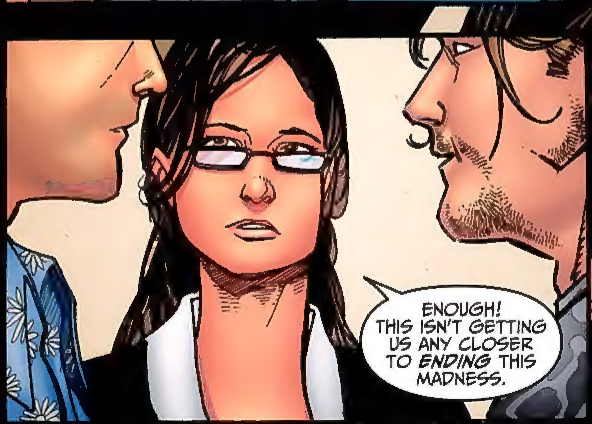
HE'S IN POSITION-- FIRE THE SNAKE BITE!
FWOOSH
THUCK
THUCK
THUCK
HE'S DOWN! WE'VE GOT HIM, SIR!
PREPARING FOR EXTRACTION. WE'LL HAVE VOORHEES AT BLACK BOOK HQ SHORTLY.

STABE MOTEL
YOU PEOPLE JUST DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE UP AGAINST.
YOU NEED TO LEAVE JASON VOORHEES TO ME. I'VE TAKEN HIM DOWN BEFORE AND I CAN DO IT AGAIN.

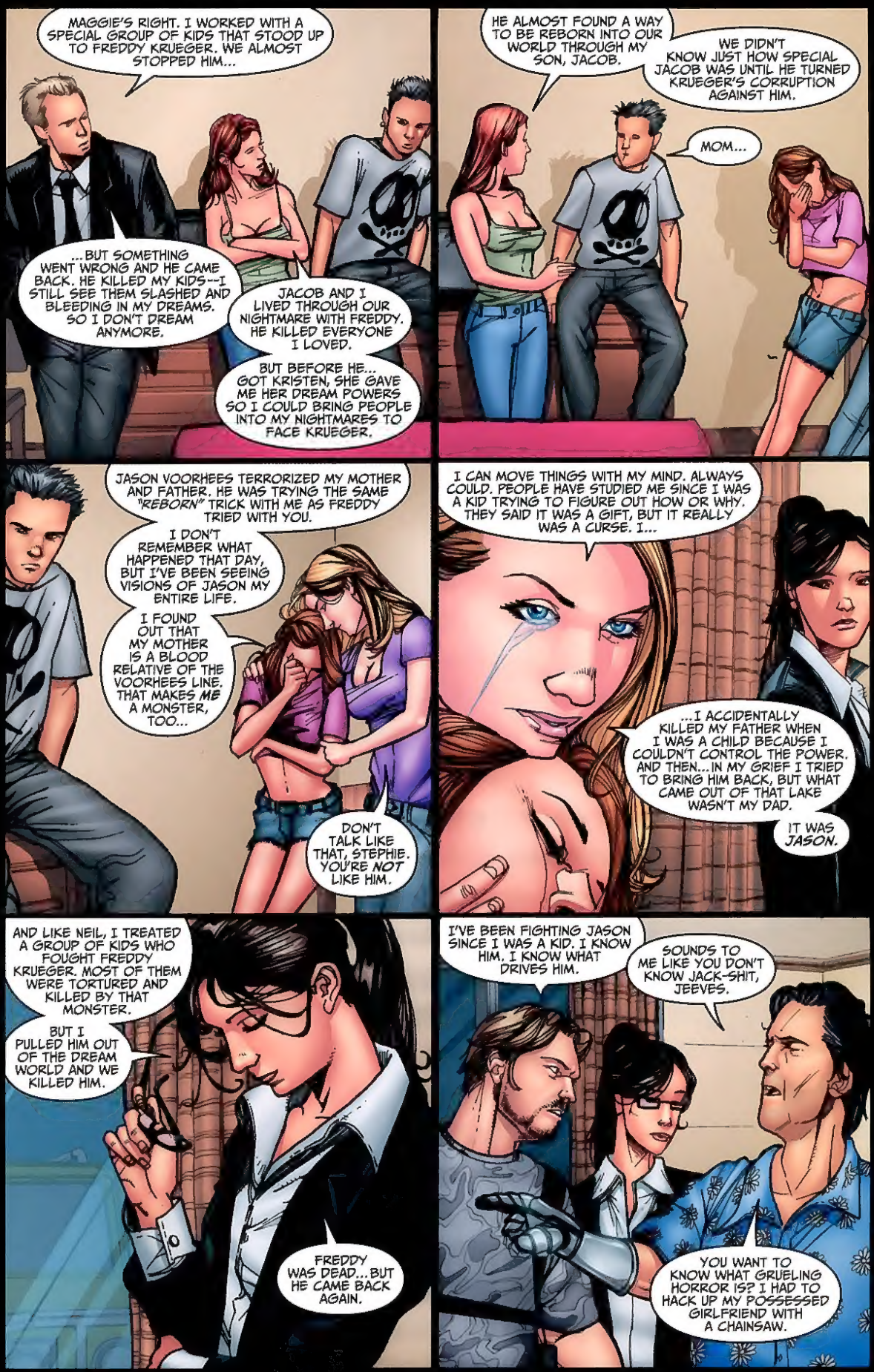
THAT'S THE POINT, TOMMY. NO ONE PERSON CAN TAKE DOWN *FREDDY KRUEGER* AND *JASON VOORHEES* PERMANENTLY.
EACH OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM HAS TRIED AND FAILED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. BUT TOGETHER--COMBINING YOUR SPECIAL TALENTS--WE CAN DO IT. WE CAN FINALLY END IT.

LOOK, LADY, I'VE SEEN JASON WIPE OUT ENTIRE COMMUNITIES. YOU PEOPLE CAN'T STOP HIM. HE'LL JUST KILL YOU ALL AND KEEP KILLING.
THAT'S WHAT HE DOES. I'VE FACED HIM AND STOPPED HIM.
YEAH, YOU DONE A GREAT JOB OF THAT SO FAR, FANCY PANTS.

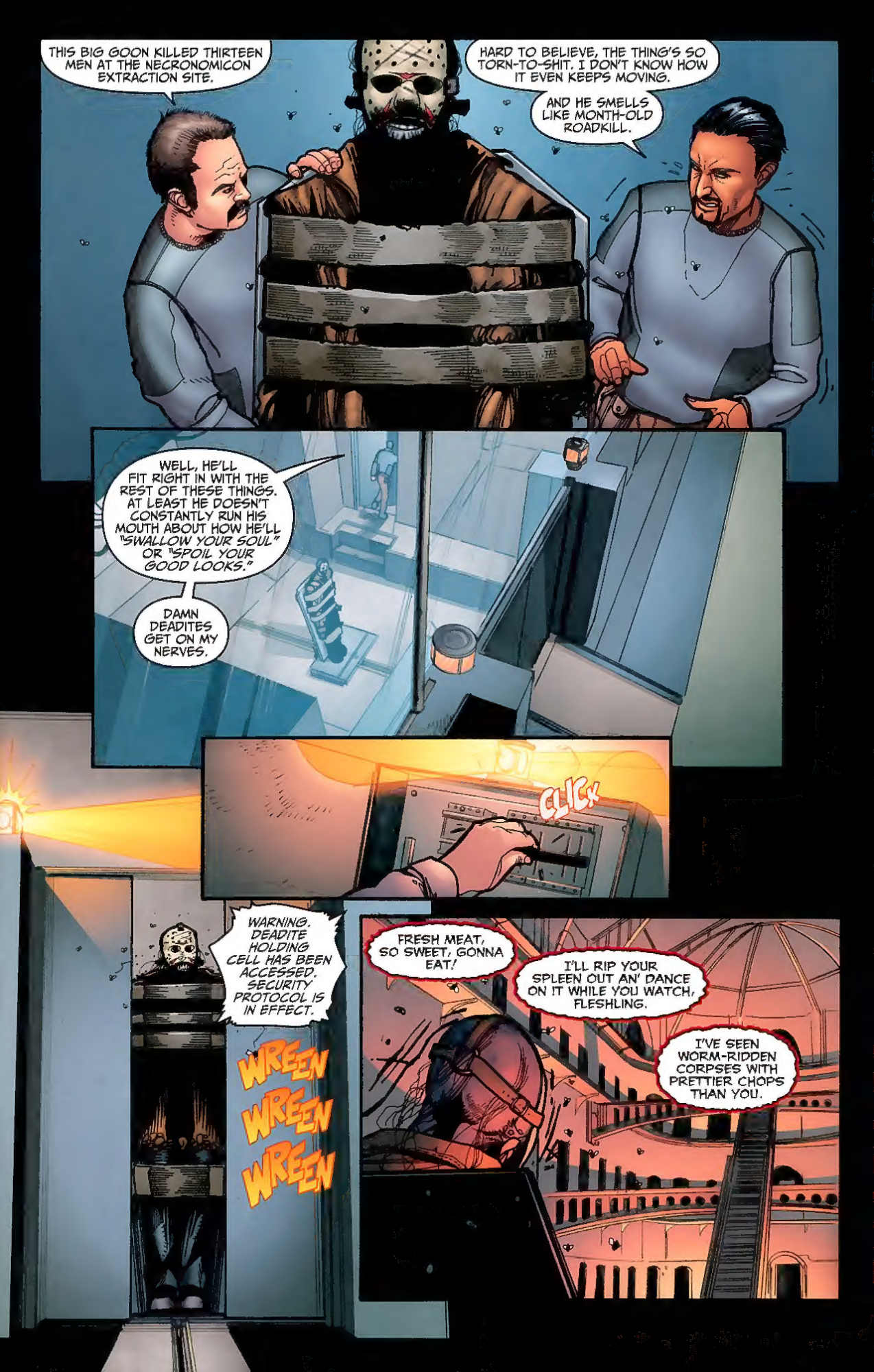
HEY, SURE, WHY DON'T WE ALL SIT BACK AND LET SOME MINIVAN-DRIVING SOCCER MOM OF A PUNK PLAY DRESS-UP HERO.
YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO KILL JASON?
YOU CUT HIM UP INTO LITTLE DEADITE-SIZED CHUNKS AND BURY HIM JUST LIKE ANY OTHER ZOMBIE.
THEN HE'LL STAY DEAD.


ENOUGH! THIS ISN'T GETTING US ANY CLOSER TO *ENDING* THIS MADNESS.

EACH OF YOU IS SPECIAL. YOU SURVIVED BECAUSE THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT YOU THAT HELPED YOU TO SLOW DOWN FREDDY OR JASON WHEN THEY CROSSED YOUR PATH.
RENNIE HERE IS AN EMPATH. SHE CAN FEEL THE EMOTIONS OF THOSE AROUND HER AND THEY MAKE HER STRONGER--
--SHE SURVIVED JASON'S MURDEROUS RAMPAGE BECAUSE SHE COULD FEEL THE PAIN DRIVING HIM.


MAGGIE'S RIGHT. I WORKED WITH A SPECIAL GROUP OF KIDS THAT STOOD UP TO FREDDY KRUEGER. WE ALMOST STOPPED HIM...
...BUT SOMETHING WENT WRONG AND HE CAME BACK. HE KILLED MY KIDS--I STILL SEE THEM SLASHED AND BLEEDING IN MY DREAMS. SO I DON'T DREAM ANYMORE.
JACOB AND I LIVED THROUGH OUR NIGHTMARE WITH FREDDY. HE KILLED EVERYONE I LOVED.
BUT BEFORE HE... GOT KRISTEN, SHE GAVE ME HER DREAM POWERS SO I COULD BRING PEOPLE INTO MY NIGHTMARES TO FACE KRUEGER.
HE ALMOST FOUND A WAY TO BE REBORN INTO OUR WORLD THROUGH MY SON, JACOB.
WE DIDN'T KNOW JUST HOW SPECIAL JACOB WAS UNTIL HE TURNED KRUEGER'S CORRUPTION AGAINST HIM.
MOM...
JASON VOORHEES TERRORIZED MY MOTHER AND FATHER. HE WAS TRYING THE SAME "REBORN" TRICK WITH ME AS FREDDY TRIED WITH YOU.
I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY, BUT I'VE BEEN SEEING VISIONS OF JASON MY ENTIRE LIFE.
I FOUND OUT THAT MY MOTHER IS A BLOOD RELATIVE OF THE VOORHEES LINE. THAT MAKES ME A MONSTER, TOO...
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, STEPHIE. YOU'RE NOT LIKE HIM.
I CAN MOVE THINGS WITH MY MIND. ALWAYS COULD. PEOPLE HAVE STUDIED ME SINCE I WAS A KID TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW OR WHY. THEY SAID IT WAS A GIFT, BUT IT REALLY WAS A CURSE. I...
...I ACCIDENTALLY KILLED MY FATHER WHEN I WAS A CHILD BECAUSE I COULDN'T CONTROL THE POWER. AND THEN...IN MY GRIEF I TRIED TO BRING HIM BACK, BUT WHAT CAME OUT OF THAT LAKE WASN'T MY DAD.
IT WAS JASON.
AND LIKE NEIL, I TREATED A GROUP OF KIDS WHO FOUGHT FREDDY KRUEGER. MOST OF THEM WERE TORTURED AND KILLED BY THAT MONSTER.
BUT I PULLED HIM OUT OF THE DREAM WORLD AND WE KILLED HIM.
FREDDY WAS DEAD...BUT HE CAME BACK AGAIN.
I'VE BEEN FIGHTING JASON SINCE I WAS A KID. I KNOW HIM. I KNOW WHAT DRIVES HIM.
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW JACK-SHIT, JEEVES.
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT GRUELING HORROR IS? I HAD TO HACK UP MY POSSESSED GIRLFRIEND WITH A CHAINSAW.

THE NECRONOMICON AND THOSE DAMNED DEADITES POSSESSED EVERYONE I EVER CARED ABOUT. IF I EVER GET MY HANDS ON THAT BOOK AGAIN...
STOP. BOTH OF YOU ARE "CHOSEN ONES"--FROM THE LINE OF THOSE FATED TO FIGHT THE HORRORS OF THE WORLD. BUT YOU CAN'T DO IT ALONE.
ASH IS RIGHT--THE NECRONOMICON IS THE KEY TO KILLING FREDDY AND JASON.
MY FATHER IS IN CHARGE OF A GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT HAS RECOVERED THE BOOK. WE NEED TO GO THERE AND USE IT TO END THIS NIGHTMARE.
I DON'T NEED A BOOK AND I SURE AS HELL DON'T NEED THE REST OF YOU TO STOP JASON. FOR OVER A DECADE, I'VE SEEN HIM SLAUGHTER PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND KEEP GOING WITHOUT SLOWING DOWN.
DO YOURSELVES A FAVOR AND STAY OUT OF THIS. YOU'LL LIVE A LOT LONGER.
YEAH, WELL, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT, TOMMY.
WHEN YOU GROW UP AND WANT TO KNOW HOW A MAN KILLS A MONSTER, I'LL BE HERE WITH THE BOOK OF BOOMSTICK TO GIVE YOU A LESSON.
STEPHANIE, YOU STAY HERE. WITH WHAT YOU JUST WENT THROUGH, I'D FEEL BETTER IF YOU STAYED BEHIND.
IT'S SAFER FOR YOU, AND I DON'T WANT YOU COMING FACE TO FACE WITH JASON IF THINGS GET OUT OF CONTROL.
JACOB WILL STAY TOO--IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR EITHER OF YOU TO BE IN CONTACT WITH FREDDY OR JASON AGAIN.


THIS BIG GOON KILLED THIRTEEN MEN AT THE NECRONOMICON EXTRACTION SITE.
HARD TO BELIEVE, THE THING'S SO TORN-TO-SHIT. I DON'T KNOW HOW IT EVEN KEEPS MOVING.
AND HE SMELLS LIKE MONTH-OLD ROADKILL.
WELL, HE'LL FIT RIGHT IN WITH THE REST OF THESE THINGS. AT LEAST HE DOESN'T CONSTANTLY RUN HIS MOUTH ABOUT HOW HE'LL "SWALLOW YOUR SOUL" OR "SPOIL YOUR GOOD LOOKS."
DAMN DEADITES GET ON MY NERVES.
CLICK
WARNING. DEADITE HOLDING CELL HAS BEEN ACCESSED. SECURITY PROTOCOL IS IN EFFECT.
WREEN WREEN WREEN
FRESH MEAT, SO SWEET, GONNA EAT!
I'LL RIP YOUR SPLEEN OUT AN' DANCE ON IT WHILE YOU WATCH, FLESHLING.
I'VE SEEN WORM-RIDDEN CORPSES WITH PRETTIER CHOPS THAN YOU.

WELL, WELL, WELL... WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?
STILL LISTENING TO YOUR OLD, ROTTED MOMMA, HUH, SHIT-FOR-BRAINS? GUESS THAT TRICK NEVER GETS OLD.

WELCOME TO THE PIT, JASON.
IT SEEMS ANOTHER CLUELESS WASHINGTON EGGHEAD THOUGHT HE COULD USE THE NECRONOMICON TO GAIN ULTIMATE POWER.
WHEN ARE THESE JOHNNY-COME-LATELYS GOING TO FIGURE OUT THAT THERE ALREADY IS A MASTER OF THE BOOK?

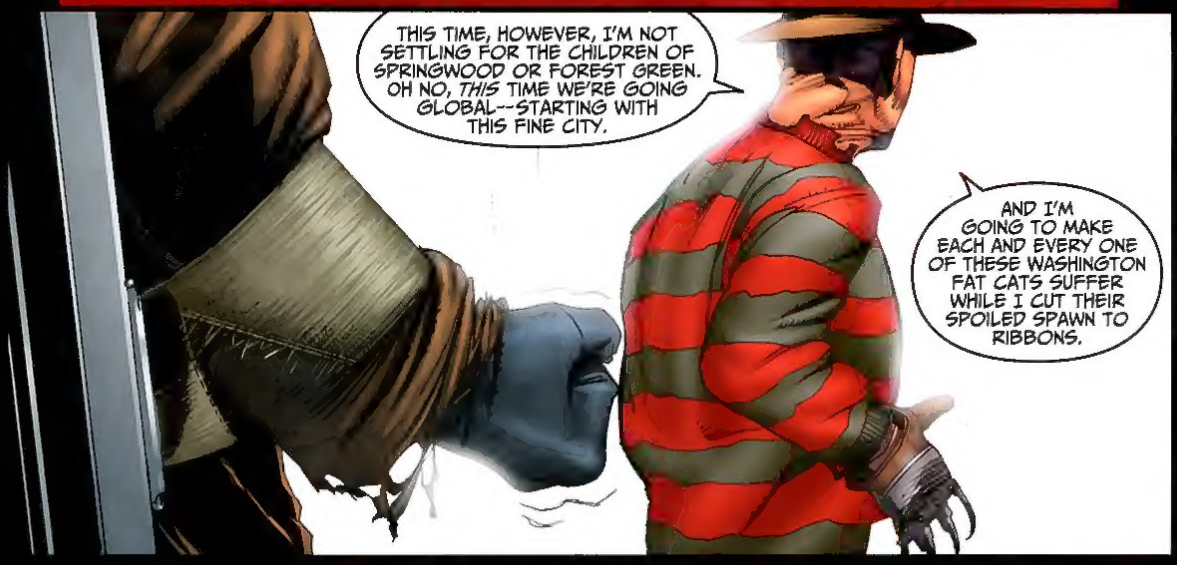
I CONTROL THE BOOK AND ALL ITS POWER NOW! ALL I NEEDED WAS A LITTLE HELP TO GET BACK ON MY FEET AND VOILÁ! HERE I AM IN ALL MY GORY PRESIDENTIAL GLORY...
GONNA CUT THAT BOW TIE RIGHT OUT OF YOUR THROAT, MEATPIE.
GIMME A BITE, GIMME A TEAR, GIMME A SHRED, THEN YOU'RE DEAD. HEHHE HEH

WILL YOU PLEASE SHUT THE HELL UP, YOU UNDEAD PUNKS?
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M TRYING TO MONOLOGUE HERE AND YOUR TALENTLESS TAUNTS ARE SCREWIN' ME UP?

THERE... THAT'S BETTER. NO MORE DEADITE PRICKS TO INTERRUPT US HERE IN THIS EMPTY NOGGIN OF YOURS.
I LIKE WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH THE PLACE, JASON. NOT SURE IF IT'S A MINIMALIST APPROACH OR IF YOU REALLY HAVE NOTHING IN THIS OVERRIPE CANCEROUS MELON YOU CALL A HEAD.

NOW THEN, LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.
I'VE BEEN AWAY FOR A WHILE, ON ACCOUNT OF THAT SMART-MOUTHED COUNTER JOCKEY, ASH WILLIAMS-- THANKS TO HIM I SPENT HALF A YEAR BEING TORMENTED BY THOSE UNIMAGINATIVE DEADITES IN THEIR PRISON DIMENSION.

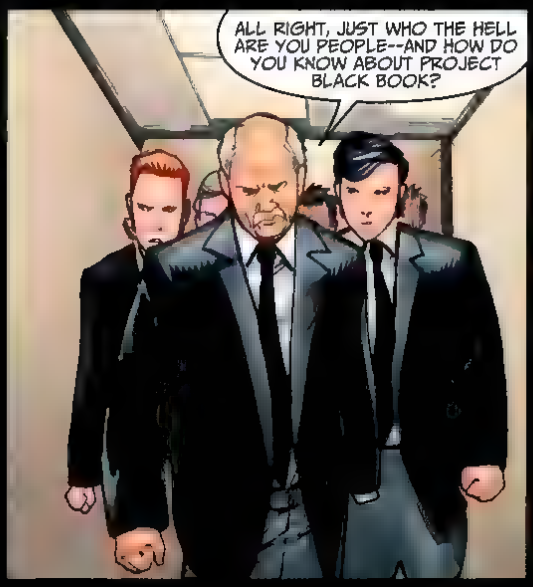
BUT DUE TO THE GREED OF MY FEDERAL PAL GORDON RUSSELL, I'M BACK AND READY TO PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF LAST YEAR.


THIS TIME, HOWEVER, I'M NOT SETTLING FOR THE CHILDREN OF SPRINGWOOD OR FOREST GREEN. OH NO, *THIS* TIME WE'RE GOING GLOBAL--STARTING WITH THIS FINE CITY.
AND I'M GOING TO MAKE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE WASHINGTON FAT CATS SUFFER WHILE I CUT THEIR SPOILED SPAWN TO RIBBONS.

URK... WAIT NOW... UKKK... YOU DIDN'T HEAR... ACK... THE BEST PART...
I'VE GOT... URK... A SECRET WEAPON. RIGHT NOW... UKKK... ALL OF THE SOULS THAT GOT AWAY... ACK... ARE COMING HERE FOR US TO FEAST ON.
YOU REMEMBER THEM DON'T YOU, JASON? TINA... STEPHANIE... ASH...
... AND TOMMY.
AHHH... STRUCK A CHORD, DID WE?
THEY'RE ALL COMING HERE FOR US TO KILL BEFORE WE SLAUGHTER THE REST OF THE BASTARDS THAT MADE US THIS WAY. AND AFTER WE SOAK UP THEIR SOULS, THE REAL FUN CAN START.
I WANT YOU TO LEAD THE CHARGE, JASON. BE MY GENERAL AND TAKE THAT ANNOYING DEADITE ARMY INTO THE STREETS TO START THE REVOLUTION.
I CAN FEEL THE SWEET, SWEET TERROR WE'LL CREATE AS THE WORLD WATCHES WASHINGTON BLEED DRY.
HM. BUT YOU LOOK LIKE THAT ROTTING BODY IS BEING HELD TOGETHER BY A FEW SINEWS AND STRINGS. THAT JUST WON'T DO. I NEED YOU TO KILL THE MASSES--NOT FALL TO PIECES IN FRONT OF THEM.
SO WHAT'LL IT BE, JASON?
WILL YOU KEEP TRYING TO KILL ME-- A MISUNDERSTOOD FRIEND WHO'S ONLY EVER WANTED TO HELP YOU-- OR WILL YOU AGREE TO BE MY AGENT, MY SWORD, MY BLACK PLAGUE?
SPEAK UP, TARDZILLA. DON'T BE SHY.

THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME--REBORN IT IS!
KLATTU, VERATA, NIKTO!

WASHINGTON, D.C.
I STILL THINK THIS IS A BAD IDEA.
EVEN IF YOUR OLD MAN IS IN CHARGE OF THIS "PROJECT BLACK BOOK" GROUP, THIS IS STILL A GOVERNMENT FACILITY AND I'M PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE, THANKS TO JASON.
TRUST ME, ONCE WE TALK TO DADDY, IT'LL BE ALL OVER. HE'LL KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO.
YEAH, COLOR ME CONVINCED. I'M SURE HE WON'T SHOOT FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER, 'CAUSE THAT NEVER HAPPENS TO ME.
BEST LOCK UP YOUR, UM, "EQUIPMENT" BEFORE WE GET THERE.
MAGGIE MAY HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN HER FATHER, BUT IT'S STILL SMARTER NOT TO BRING DEADLY WEAPONS TO A GOVERNMENT FACILITY.
GEE, NEIL, YOU THINK OF THAT ALL BY YOURSELF? AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE A LITTLE SLOW.
UH... SORRY. BAD HABIT.
SO WHAT'S HER POPS LIKE?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW. NEVER MET HIM. HELL, BEFORE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO SHE'D NEVER EVEN MENTIONED HIM. I ASSUMED HER FATHER WAS DEAD.
THIS IS IT. COME ON.
WE'RE HERE TO SEE GORDON RUSSELL. I'M DOCTOR BURROUGHS AND THESE PEOPLE ARE WITH ME. WE'VE GOT IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON PROJECT BLACK BOOK.
TRAGIC CHAINSAW ACCIDENT. IT JUST GOT AWAY FROM ME. THE HAND... NOT THE SAW, THAT IS.
UH. OKAY.
KRSHT


ALL RIGHT, JUST WHO THE HELL ARE YOU PEOPLE--AND HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PROJECT BLACK BOOK?

I'M DOCTOR MAGGIE BURROUGHS. WE HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT FREDDY KRUEGER THAT YOU NEED TO HEAR.
HE'S ALREADY FREE OF YOUR PRISON AND YOU CAN'T CONTAIN HIM HERE WITHOUT MY HELP. IF WE DON'T HURRY, HE'LL BE LOOSE--AND THEN NOTHING WILL STOP HIM.

LOCK THEM UP UNTIL WE FIGURE THIS OUT, CARTER. BRING HER WITH ME TO THE LAB.
WAIT... I NEED NEIL AND RENNIE TO COME WITH ME. PLEASE-- THEY'RE MY FAMILY. I CAN'T HELP YOU WITHOUT THEM.

UNBELIEVABLE. *THAT* WAS HER IDEA? I'VE SEEN BETTER SCHEMES ON SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS.
I'M SURE MAGGIE HAS A GOOD PLAN. WE JUST HAVE TO TRUST HER.

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE.
I THOUGHT SHE SAID THE GUY IN CHARGE WAS HER FATHER. WHY'D SHE INTRODUCE HERSELF TO THAT RUSSELL CHARACTER?

AS YOU CAN SEE, MR. KRUEGER IS QUITE SECURE HERE.
HE'S POWERLESS. JUST A BLACK-HEARTED, COWARDLY BASTARD WITHOUT HIS GLOVE.
VISITORS? IS THIS A CONJUGAL VISIT? 'CAUSE I LIKE MY LADIES A LITTLE YOUNGER THAN THIS ONE.
LIKE THAT LITTLE LADY THERE. KISSY-KISSY, SWEET MISSY.
THE REST OF YOU CAN LEAVE NOW. YOU'VE DONE YOUR PART IN THIS LITTLE CHARADE.
I GOTTA TELL YOU, RUSSELL OLD CHAP, YOU'RE A COMPLETE IMBECILE IF YOU THINK YOU CAN CONTROL ME.
I HAVE THE POWER OF A GOD NOW--
--AND HAVE SINCE YOU RELEASED ME FROM THE BOOK'S GRASP.
NO...THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING. YOU'RE UNDER MY CONTROL... I'M IN CHARGE HERE. I'M IN CHARGE!

SEE? I HAD SO MUCH TIME WITH THAT LITTLE BOOK THAT IT'S BECOME A PART OF ME.
I AM THE NECRONOMICON NOW. AND ALL THE POWER OF ITS DEMON RESURRECTION PASSAGES RUNS THROUGH MY VEINS.
I... I HAVE THE GLOVE. IT WAS THE SOURCE OF YOUR POWER. YOU CAN'T...
I'LL KILL YOU FIRST! THAT POWER IS MINE!
IT'S NOT SMART TO RUN WITH SHARP OBJECTS, MISTER RUSSELL.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT ACCIDENTALLY CUT YOURSELF.
SHUNK
OHH... YOU... WHY?

MY GOD, MAGGIE. YOU JUST KILLED YOUR OWN FATHER.
SHUT YOUR SNIVELING MOUTH, NEIL. IF YOU WEREN'T SUCH A HYPNOCIL JUNKIE YOU MIGHT HAVE FIGURED THIS OUT A LONG TIME AGO.
IT'S *HER*, NEIL... IT'S BEEN HER ALL ALONG...
WHAT? MAGGIE, WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?
GORDON RUSSELL WASN'T MY FATHER. HE WAS JUST A SAD LITTLE POWER-HUNGRY P!SSANT THAT THOUGHT HE COULD BECOME A GOD--LIKE MY *REAL* DADDY.
THAT'S RIGHT! NICE FORM. I TOLD YOU IT WAS IN YOUR BLOOD, BABY.
HAHAHAHA
NOW GIVE DADDY A LITTLE SUGAR, SWEETUMS.

CHRIST, MAGGIE--WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SNAP OUT OF IT! KRUEGER MUST HAVE YOU UNDER HIS CONTROL.
OH, NEIL... WHAT HAPPENED? I DON'T REMEMBER...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, KRUEGER'S JUST...URK.
SCHLICK
MAGGS..?
PLEASE. DON'T CALL ME THAT RIDICULOUS PET NAME ANY MORE.
MY NAME IS KATHRYN.
KATHRYN KRUEGER.
WELL, THE JIG IS UP. MIGHT AS WELL SHOW 'EM WHAT YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE, CUPCAKE.

NO... NO...PLEASE, MAGGIE...
NOOOOO!
WILL YOU PLEASE SHUT THE HELL UP, BITCH?!
THAT'S MY GIRL.
SNIFF SNIFF
NOOOO! RENNIE! OH, GOD, NO... RENNIE!
TINA! TINA, SNAP OUT OF IT! WHAT'S WRONG?
SHE KILLED RENNIE... I FELT HER DIE.
WHO? WHO KILLED RENNIE?
MAGGIE D.D...ONLY SHE'S NOT MAGGIE AT ALL...
...SHE'S FREDDY'S DAUGHTER.
I SAW IT ALL THROUGH RENNIE'S EYES. IT WAS RENNIE'S POWER, HER EMPATHY, I FELT EVERYTHING...OH, POOR RENNIE.

I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH THAT COLD BITCH.
SOUNDS LIKE THE PARTY STARTED WITHOUT US, TINA, YOU NEED TO GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF AND BUST US OUT OF THIS CELL.
USE YOUR TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO SPRING THE LOCK AND GET US OUT OF HERE.
COME ON, GIRL, YOU CAN DO IT!
SQUEET-SQUEET-SQUEET
I'M TRYING...
LET'S GO!
IF KRUEGER'S FREE AND MAGGIE'S WITH HIM, WE'LL NEED TO GET SOME WEAPONS TO FIGHT.
KRUNK
FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST!
SO MUCH MEAT TO EAT!
I WANT TO SWALLOW YOUR EYES. YUMMY EYES.

NO, PLEASE--DON'T... AAHHHH-URK!
SHUNK
TENDER AND JUICY, COME 'ERE LITTLE PIGGY!
YOU!
I'M GOING TO RIP YOUR DAMNED HEAD OFF AND SHOVE IT UP YOUR WORM-RIDDEN ASS!
NO, ASH, DON'T! HE'LL KILL YOU! AND WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW MORE THAN EVER!
CH-CH-CH AH-AH-AH
TINA, HELP ME!
DIE, YOU BASTARD!

GROAAANAUNDT
NO, I HAVE TO...HE KILLED CARRIE...I...
...DAMMIT.
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
LOOKEE HERE, I THINK WE JUST FOUND THE WAY OUT!
EXIT
HEY, WATCH IT, BUB.
OPEN, OPEN, OPEN!
EXIT

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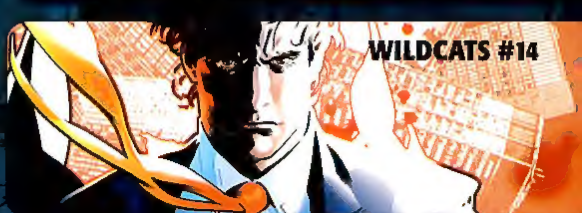

Promethea and Tom Strong turn ten years old this fall, and to mark the occasion, we're celebrating with ABSOLUTE PROMETHEA Book One and TOM STRONG DELUXE EDITION Book One! Both titles sprang from the wildly imaginative mind of Alan Moore and I'm proud to not only play a small part in their debut through America's Best Comics, but to see them still reaching new fans after all of these years.

Every issue of PROMETHEA is a stunning visual journey through the magic of Alan Moore, J. H. Williams III and Mick Gray and we felt the Absolute format would be the best gateway for fans, both old and new! The series is an assault on the senses in the best possible way, where the creators dared you to enter the world of Promethea alongside Sophie Bangs in her discovery and personification of the character.

Exploring magic, philosophy and superheroes, every issue of PROMETHEA unearths a mind-expanding tale of imagination and wonder that will easily last another ten years and beyond. And no one was better suited to bring Alan's words to life on the printed page than the visually inventive J.H. Williams III. You can literally see his continued growth in stylistic leaps and bounds from one issue to the next and his sense of design and storytelling continue to wow fans today.

TOM STRONG also takes the familiar and presents it in a contemporary hybrid of myth and mission throughout history and alternate worlds. The classically refined Chris Sprouse and Alan Gordon mix pulp heroes with a world of retro-futuristic jetpacks to filter the kaleidoscopic vision of Alan Moore onto the page. Also joining Tom in his many adventures, are his beautiful wife and daughter, a talking gorilla and even a steam-powered robot who all live up to the Strong family name.

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If I don't see you at the convention, I'll meet you back here next month!

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- RED HERRING #1
- STARCRAFT #4
- WILDCATS #14
- WORLD OF WARCRAFT #22

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